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University College, the Faculty of Medicine, and the Faculty of Applied Science, are making radical changes in certain of their functions this year. The event of the School's year will be the opening of the new Science building, which will probably take place at the end of January or early in February. The committee who have charge of the matter intend extending the opening over two evenings. The first will be a general reception to the friends of the School; the second, which will be more exclusive, will take the form of an At Home. Already much of the apparatus has been moved over to the new structure, but although it is probable that the building will be in use before the Christmas holidays, yet the formal opening will be delayed until the new year.

The change made by the Faculty of Medicine this year, from the holding of a dinner to that of an At Home, has been quite successful. The deficit that has usually seen the result of the Dinner in the past has been the cause of the change.

University College are holding their annual Dinner down town this year. This step has been necessitated because of the inadequate accommodation afforded by the University for such a large number as have pledged themselves to attend. There has never been a year since the foundation of the University that the College has had as bright prospects for a successful Dinner. The revival of the good old custom of singing popular college songs, will be a very welcome feature of the evening's entertainment. The committee report that they have secured the very best after-

dinner speeches, and darkly hint at some very agreeable surprises. The large number that have already promised to attend, insures financial success.

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No more striking example of the increasing interest that is being taken in the Undergraduates' Union could be had, than the unqualified success of the Union Dance. Not only was the number present as large as could well be without undue crowding, but the number of men and women students was so nearly equal, that a thoroughly enjoyable time was assured to everybody. Nothing occurred to mar the evening's pleasure. The rooms of the Union were open to all, and the usual cozy-corners were as popular as ever. The dainty supper was served in the Dining Hall. The Secretary of the Union and the committee generally are to be congratulated on the great success of the function. The Union Dance hereafter will be eagerly anticipated.

By an unfortunate accident a notice of the Dance was omitted from our last issue.

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The following is an extract from a letter received by Varsity from Mr. Yeats, the Irish poet. Many of our readers will recall with pleasure Mr. Yeats' address last college year:

It is in places like Canada and Ireland the arts must recreate themselves. We have all along been too long taking our tune from London, and that tune, when it gets as it were into a barrel organ on the country roads, is no very beautiful thing. We, out of our great wealth, for is not a little leisure the only wealth that matters?—will some day have to give to the others who are sunk into the poverty of industrialism.

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We are very pleased to include in this issue the article from Mr. Kylie that was announced a few weeks ago. This is Mr. Kylie's first contribution to Varsity, since his return from Oxford, and his impressions of the great seat of learning will be very interesting to our readers.

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Just as we are going to press the announcement is made that the Government has definitely decided to grant funds for the erecting and the equipping of the long-promised Physics building. It is said that work on the new building will be commenced just as soon as the Science Building at present in process of construction is completed. No details are as yet announced, but the report is said to be quite authentic.